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Manchester Civic Band looking for new members as it begins its 49th year

this pandemic.

The first practice is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 3 at the Manchester High School band room, through the double doors at the southeast corner of the building, 1 Squire Drive, North Manchester. Any musicians from junior high age on up and any instruments are invited. They practice

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ISDH awards Wabash Co. \$40,320 for COVID-19 vaccine clinic costs



Volunteers have been staffing the local vaccine clinics.

Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

State announces Hoosiers ages 55 and older now eligible to sign up for appointments

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

At Monday's Wabash County Board of Commissioners meeting, EMA director Keith Walters asked for approval to accept a

COVID-19 vaccine clinics. Walters said the state of Indiana offered the county and the health department a \$40,320 grant to help offset the expenses.

"It's not like other grants. We're not paying for it first," said Walters.

Walters said they would be given the funds "to administrate according to our rules." The commissioners ac-

cepted the proposal to accept

the funds unanimously. On Tuesday, Walters said this is a federal program administered by the Indiana Department of Health

supplies, rent and leases, COVID-19 vaccine. utilities and so on," said Walters.



The Wabash County COVID-19 vaccine clinic was originally located at the Wabash County Museum, and has since moved to the Honeywell Center.

and older, along with healthcare workers, long-term care "Funding is for local ex- residents and first respondoperation of the vaccine to the scene of an emergency available. location. Like disposable to render medical assistance,

As of Tuesday, 1,014,651

announced Hoosiers age 55 ana, and 587,359 individuals

appointments are being add- free COVID-19 vaccine. penses associated with the ers who are regularly called ed as more vaccine become

are fully vaccinated.

supplies, gloves, cleaning are now eligible to receive a ISDH announced that it has received its Emergency Use partnered with the India- Authorization from the FDA napolis Motor Speedway, first doses of vaccine have University of Notre Dame

Also on Tuesday, the ISDH been administered in Indi- and Ivy Tech Community College to host three mass vaccination clinics to help Additional locations and eligible Hoosiers receive a

> The mass vaccination clinics will offer the Johnson Earlier on Tuesday, the & Johnson vaccine, which

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Public, WCS staff invited to schools chief search meetings

The community will have a chance to provide input Thursday, March 11

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Wabash City Schools (WCS) board has officially begun the search for its new superintendent and your chance to make your voice heard and have your questions answered is fast approaching.

On Monday, WCS board president Rod Kelsheimer said they had planned a series of meetings over the next few days to engage both the public and staff in the process.

"It is the board's intention to seek input from staff and

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Library fees nearly a thing of the past in Wabash Co.

Both NMPL and WCPL policies now eliminate almost all such charges for patrons

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Thanks to a recent change, a library overdue fine will be hard to come by in Wabash County.

This especially good news for patrons who, until recently, have been able to visit any of the physical library locations in the county due to COVID-19 restrictions.

WCPL

On Tuesday, Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) executive director Ware Wimberly said at the Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020, the board voted to abolish overdue fines on most library materials.

Wimberly said that due to this policy change enacted

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Request to vacate Liberty Mills alley denied by commissioners

Board receives neighbor complaints, finds town plat 'to be in order'

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A request to vacate an alley in Liberty Mills was denied unanimously Monday County Board of Commis-

sioners meeting. District 3 commissioner and vice-chairman Barry J. Eppley said after an initial hearing last year to review the request, "subsequent investigation" had caused the commissioners to decide against it.

The board then voted and passed the denial unanimously.

On Tuesday, Eppley said during the regular Wabash the request was to vacate portions of a street or alley

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By JARED KEEVER Peru Tribune Editor

children died Three Saturday after they were pulled from a burning home in southern Miami County.

Miracle Gingerich, 6, Steven Gingerich, 5, and Wilma Gingerich, 1, were pulled from the home by firefighters and taken to area hospitals where they later died, a news release from the Indiana State Police said.

Miami County Central Dispatch first received

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Photo by JARED KEEVER / / jkeever@perutribune.com

The front wall of a home destroyed in a Saturday morning fire stands Monday morning at 13475 South Miami County Road 300 East. Three children whom firefighters pulled from the flames were taken to area hospitals and later pronounced dead.

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A2 Wednesday, March 3, 2021 Wabash Plain Dealer

Women's Clubhouse set to re-open **Tuesday, March 9**

The Woman's Clubhouse "is excited to be opening back up" on Tuesday, March 9 for their regularly scheduled luncheon and program, hosting Jason Kissel, according to Ellen Stouffer. Lunch will begin at noon, with the program on "Wildflowers of Wabash County" beginning at 1 p.m. Emmilee Dewey will provide a special dessert and

LOCAL BRIEFS have some goodies for sale.

Carry-out will be provided for anyone who can't come but would like a lunch. Make your reservation for lunch or carry-out by calling Carol McDonald at 260-5632331 or Mary Delauter at 260-563-6613. For more information, call Stouffer at 260-571-5339.

VFW Post No. 286 plans fish fry for Friday

The Veterans of Foreign 260-563-2463.

Wars (VFW) Post No. 286 has planned a fish fry from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 5 at 3678 W Old 24, according to a Dan Ford.

The menu will include hand beer-battered fish, baked beans and coleslaw.

The cost is \$9 per person. The event will be open to the public. Carryout will be available.

"Current COVID-19 restrictions will be observed." said Ford.

For more information, call

Grant provides children with 'Giraffe Problems' book, toy

STAFF REPORT

The Women's Clubhouse used a grant from the Community Foundation of Wabash County (CFWC) to provide each Wabash Headstart student with a copy of the book, "Giraffe Problems," and the coordinating stuffed toy giraffe, according to teacher Lisa Sarll and Women's Clubhouse member Diana Rapp.

"The Women's Clubhouse Start Talking About Reading (STAR) Program encourages reading at school and in the home while developing a love for reading."



Children hold up their books and toys.

Indiana high court splits over revealing execution drugs

The Indiana Department of Correction faces paying more than \$500,000 in legal fees in its unsuccessful fight to keep its execution drugs secret.

A 2-2 split among Indiana Supreme Court justices leaves in place a lower court ruling that ordered the prison agency to release the information. The Supreme Court's order issued last week also means the state must pay the legal fees of an anti-death penalty attorney

who has been seeking information about Indiana's lethal injection drugs for seven years.

The ruling will hinder Indiana's ability to carry out executions and leaves many unresolved issues that will likely end up back in court, Indiana Solicitor General Thomas Fisher told The Indianapolis Star.

Indiana currently has eight men facing the death penalty who are being held at the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City. No executions are refused that request.

currently scheduled, and the state last executed an inmate in 2009.

The legal case began after Katherine Toomey, a Washington, D.C., attorney who represents groups opposing the death penalty, filed a public records request seeking the identities of the manufacturers, distributors and suppliers of Indiana's execution drugs. Toomey filed a lawsuit after the Department of Correction







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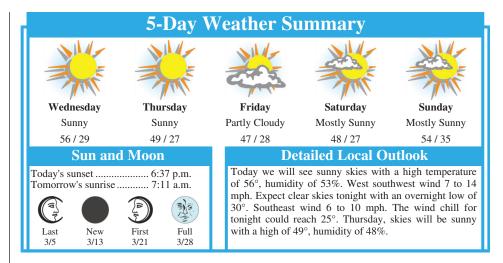
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To check if you or someone you know qualifies, go to OurShot.IN.gov. Seniors can also call 211 to learn more.





Remember, we need to keep wearing masks and following other protective measures to keep everyone safe.



Gebhart Holdings acquires **Secondary Metal Processors**

Secondary Metal Processors' Wabash, Peru locations purchased

STAFF REPORT

Gebhart Holdings has announced its purchase of Secondary Metal Processors' Wabash and Peru locations, according to the director of marketing Carrie Vineyard.

merged with Gebhart Holding's current recycling division, Metal Source Recycling.

cation in Wabash will be closed to the public with all recycling services diverted to Metal Source Recycling located at 1733 S. Wabash

to serve that area under its new name of "Metal Source Recycling.'

its buildings and infraequipment, and technology. These updates will allow best possible experience for their customers.

Secondary Metals lo- as we continue to strive towards our long-term growth plans," stated Gebhart Holdings CEO Benjamin Gebhart.

> Vineyard said Gebhart Holdings is a privately held Driving Institute."

The Secondary Metals lo- corporation focusing on cation in Peru will continue growth through vertical integration.

"The company is committed to enriching the Vineyard said the Wabash community of Wabash and location will be upgrading those around it by creating and maintaining successstructures, while the Peru ful entities that will, in location will be upgrading turn, cause the community to new scales, concrete, to thrive," said Vineyard. "They aim to offer products, solutions, and resources at Metal Source Recycling the highest level to each of This acquisition will be to continue to generate the the industries that they participate in. Currently, Gebhart Holdings businesses "I am excited to add these include Metal Source, Metfacilities to our portfolio al Source Recycling, Wabash Steel Supply, Wabash Trucking, Wabash Property Management, Splash and Dash Car Wash, Wabash Motor Company, DRG Logistics and Central Indiana



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Beacon Credit Union donated \$5,000 to Heartland Adult Education Career Center for their new expansion project.

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The expansion will include constructing 37K square foot building

STAFF REPORT

Beacon Credit Union donated \$5,000 to Heartland Adult Education Career Center for their new expansion project, according to community relations specialist Kelly Stuber.

learning opportunities for advanced learning.

in providing adults an op-The expansion will in- manufacturing skills and for the technical society."

clude constructing a 37,000 the knowledge of health square foot building to cre- credentials in such a rapate a place that will offer idly growing, skilled labor force. This will help them manufacturing achieve their full potential and health credentials for personally and professionadults. Currently, no pro- ally as adults," stated CEO gram in the region supports and president Kevin Wilor has the space for adult lour. "Beacon Credit Union proudly supports Heartland "We are proud to support Career Center and their mis-Heartland Career Center sion to provide an environment for students and adults portunity to learn advanced to learn skills to better them



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Obituaries

COVID-19 pandemic fuels attacks on health workers globally

By HELEN WIEFFERING and JOSHUA HOUSING

Associated Press

Two Nigerian nurses were attacked by the family of a deceased COVID-19 patient. One nurse had her hair ripped out and suffered they are never reported to a fracture. The second was police or in the media. Inbeaten into a coma.

nurses at Federal Medical Centre in the Southwestern tected in countries that have city of Owo stopped treathospital improve security. Almost two weeks passed around the clock.

Francis Ajibola, a local leader with the National Associ-Midwives.

The attack in Nigeria early pandemic. A new report by the Geneva-based Insecurity the community." Insight and the University health care workers and facilities last year.

many motivated by fear or health care workers at a time when they are needed most. Insecurity Insight defines cases. Wille said her team a health care attack as any looked closely at social mephysical violence against or dia postings in April after intimidation of health care workers or settings, and uses ters were ransacked in the online news agencies, hu- Democratic Republic of manitarian groups and social Congo. media posts to track incidents around the world.

department and in hospitals mation about what they call have gotten exponentially more stressful and harder, this was all related to people and that's at baseline even inventing the disease," she when people are super sup- said. portive," said Rohini Haar, an emergency physician in though health workers are Oakland, California, and Hu- in many cases the target of man Rights Center research attacks, entire communities fellow. "To do that work and suffer when they lose access to do it with commitment to medical care after a clinic while being attacked or with or medical facility is forced the fear of being attacked is to close due to threats. heartbreaking to me."

Medical from surgeons to paramedics have long confronted injury or intimidation on the job, especially in conflict zones. Experts say many attacks are rooted in fear or mistrust, as family members react to a demic, the most dangerous relative's death or a community responds to uncertainty around a disease. The coronavirus has amplified those

Ligia Kantún has worked as a nurse for 40 years in Mexico and never felt threatened until last spring. As she was leaving a hospital in Merida in April, she heard Early Warning Alert and someone shout the word "Infected!" She was drenched in hot coffee before she could turn around.

"When I got home 10 minutes later my daughter was Ar-Raqqa National Hospital waiting for me and I hugged her crying, all scared, think- him in the middle of an opering, 'How is it possible that they have done this to me?"" she told The Associated

Kantún said many people in Mexico at the time public that they wore when treating coronavirus patients. "That ignorance was ation." what made them act that way," she said.

attacks last spring and sum- last year. Researchers said mer as the coronavirus swept declining violence in the across the globe. Yet recent country was the reason they events from Nigeria to the Netherlands, where in January rioters set fire to a coronavirus testing center, prove

the threat remains. sang tributes to doctors

during the lockdown.

"But actually that didn't happen in many, many places," she said. "There's actually more fear, more distrust, and attacks grew rather than decreased."

Many attacks may have gone undetected because security Insight scrambled Following the assaults, to expand its monitoring as a flood of attacks were detraditionally been safe for ing patients, demanding the health workers, said director Christina Wille.

In the United States, for before they returned to work example, researchers countwith armed guards posted ed about a dozen threats to health care workers last year. "We don't give life. It is Several incidents involved God that gives life. We only the injury or arrest of street care or we manage," said medics during Black Lives Matter protests.

"I think in the U.S. the culation of Nigeria Nurses and ture has been more of trusting health workers," Haar, the emergency physician, last month was just one of said. "There hasn't been a many on health workers glob- longstanding conflict where ally during the COVID-19 there's been a dissonance between health workers and

Yet health workers in the of California, Berkeley's U.S. are still subject to great Human Rights Center identi- risk. Hospital employees fied more than 1,100 threats in the U.S. are nearly six or acts of violence against times as likely as the average worker to be the victim of an intentional injury, accord-Researchers found that ing to the Bureau of Labor about 400 of those attacks Statistics, and last month a were related to COVID-19, Minnesota medical assistant was killed during a shooting frustration, underscoring at a clinic by a former patient the dangers surrounding unhappy with his treatment.

> Misinformation spurred violence in some three Ebola treatment cen-

"We could actually see that there was a build-up over "Our jobs in the emergency several days of misinforthe 'Ebola business,' that

Experts say that even

'You're robbing the comprofessionals munity of the service they would have provided," said Nyka Alexander, who leads the World Health Organization's communications on health emergencies.

With or without a panplaces for health workers are often areas of conflict and political upheaval. Last year, hundreds of threats and acts of violence were tracked in Syria, Afghanistan, Yemen and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Naser Almhawish, surveillance coordinator for Syria's Response Network, said he faced threats several times while working as a doctor in the city of Raqqa. He recalled the day in 2012 at when armed men confronted ation, saying they'd kill him if the patient died.

"You just freeze and you know that you are working and you are trying to save this guy," he said. "This is thought health workers our duty. I didn't ask if this wore the same uniforms in guy was a military, civilian or anything. He's a human being who needed an oper-

Almhawish said such attacks on health care settings Researchers saw the most in Syria had waned in the didn't see a greater surge in total health care attacks in 2020.

Kantún, the nurse in Mexico, said she went almost Haar said she expected eight months after the attack health care workers to be last April without wearing widely celebrated for their her nursing scrubs in publifesaving work during the lic. Now, one year into the pandemic, just as Italians pandemic, she feels health workers are more respected. But she still worries.

Joseph Earl Bakehorn

June 20, 1926 - Feb. 28, 2021

Joseph Earl Bakehorn, 94, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 7:30 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021 at his home. He was born June 20, 1926 in Wabash, to Ralph E. and Lura Delight (Kistler) Bakehorn.

Joe attended Wabash High School. He worked for James Stefanatos Sr. shining shoes, delivered milk for Brewers Dairy, and also worked at the dairy, washing milk bottles and milk cans. Joe joined the US Navy on July 3, 1943, served on the USS Tripoli Aircraft Carrier, and was discharged Dec. 7, 1945. He married Barbara Jean Martin in Wabash on June 29, 1947. Joe worked in the foundry at Ford Meter Box for 43 years and five months, retiring in 1989 as the Assistant Foundry Manager. He was a member of the Wabash Alliance Church, the American Foundry Association, and the local chapter of the AARP. Joe was a volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels and Betty Jean Brim. and also a volunteer helper of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Drive.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Jean Bakehorn of Wabash, two daughters, Linda Sue (Gary) Vigar of Fort Myers, Florida, and Pamela (Tim) Harman of Union, Michigan; eight grandchildren, Gerald Vigar Jr. of Wabash, Valerie Braden of Elkins, West Virginia, Ra-Irwin, Pennsylvania, Todd com.



Houser and Jeremy Houser, both of LaFontaine, Tameka Perez of Glen Burnie, Marvland, and Daniel Townsend of Elkhart, Indiana. 19 great-grandchildren, 6 great great grandchildren, and his sister, Shirley Ann Shanabarger of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, Le-Roy, Harold, Truman "Bud", Paul, and Ralph Bakehorn Jr., and three sisters, Louis Thixton, Mildred Bullins,

Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Friday, March 5, 2021, at Wabash Alliance Church, 1200 N. Cass Street, Wabash, with Todd Render officiating. Burial will be in Mississinewa Cemetery, Somerset. Friends may call 5-8 pm Thursday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash.

The memorial guest book chel Vigar of Mapleton, for Joe may be signed at Illinois, Matthew Vigar of www.grandstaff-hentgen.

Barbara 'Sue' Eltzroth

Services for Barbara "Sue" Eltzroth, are 2 p.m. Thursday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Burial in Memorial Lawns Cemetery. Visitation 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. Thursday.

Guadalupe 'Lupé' Sanchez

Jan. 6, 2001 - Feb. 27, 2021

Guadalupe "Lupé " San- friends will be from 3 p.m. was born on Jan. 6, 2001 Church in Marion. to Guadalupe and Michelle (Guenin) Sanchez, Sr.

March 5, 2021 at The River Street, LaFontaine. Church, 759 South Lenfes- Online condolences may

Visitation for family and com

chez, II, 20, Marion, passed to 7 p.m. on Thursday, away on Feb. 27, 2021. He March 4, 2021, at The River

entrusted to McDonald Fu-Funeral services will be neral Home, LaFontaine held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Chapel, 104 South Main

ty Avenue, Marion, Indiana be sent to the family at

Imogene 'Jean' Warren

April 25, 1927 - March 1, 2021

March 1, 2021 at Timberand Rodney (Susan) Warren; tery, Silver Lake. daughter, Becky Stafford; Arrangements are entrustbrother, Ronald Bridegroom; ed to McKee Mortuary.

Imogene "Jean" Warren, seven grandchildren and 93, North Manchester, died thirteen great-grandchildren. Calling Saturday, March crest Healthcare Center, 6, 2021 from 11 a.m. to North Manchester. Jean was 1 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, born in Wabash County on 1401 State Road 114 West, April 25, 1927 to Merl and North Manchester. Funer-Mildred (Reed) Bridegroom. al services will begin at the Jean is survived by sons, conclusion of calling. Burial Randy (Eldonna) Warren will be at Silver Lake Ceme-

Mary Christine (Rollins) Sampson

Feb. 27, 1947 - Feb. 24, 2021

Mary Christine (Rollins) Sampson, 73, of Wabash, Indiana went home to be with the Lord at 4:03 p.m., at Parkview Regional Medical Center, with her husband and youngest daughter at her bedside, on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021.

She was born on Feb. 27, 1947 in Glendale, Ohio to Charles and Mary Jane (Pfeiffer) Rollins.

She was a 1965 high school graduate of Mount Notre Dame Girls School in Cincinnati, Ohio.

She loved her Lord supremely. She loved reading her Bible, praying, and going to church. She served faithfully with her husband, Rev. James Sampson, in full-time ministry from 1985 to the present. They have served as missionary pastors to the Native Americans in South Dakota, as a Bible college professor, and in various other pastoral roles. At the present, she was an active member of the Wabash (IN) Bible nieces and nephews. Holiness Church, where her husband is the Pastor.

She also loved being a "Homemaker" with all of the domestic duties that come with that role. She loved all of her family members, especially her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild. She really enjoyed visiting with them, and talking and texting on the phone. She also was very fond of her little dog.

by her radiant smile, genuine laugh, and joyous spirit. She will be especially missed by her husband of 49 years, and home.com all of her children.

her parents and brother-in- care.



law Ed Moroney.

She is survived by: husband Rev. James Sampson; children Paul (Nancy) Sampson, Martha (Troy) Castle, Joanna Sampson, David Sampson, and Sarah Sampson; siblings Kathleen (Rollins) Moroney, Joan Rollins, William Rollins, and John (Rhonda) Rollins; grandchildren Breanne Funk, Seth, Ethan, Silas, and Elliott Castle; great-granddaughter Alayna Funk; and multiple

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at Petersburg Holiness Church, located at 5317 North Knox Road, Petersburg, IN 47567, officiated by Revs. Stephen Kirkman and Timothy Stuart. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until service time at the church. The graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2021 at Oak Hill Cemetery, locat-Many were really touched ed at 11200 Princeton Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45246.

> Online condolences may be made at odharrisfuneral

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Annabelle 'Ann' Long

June 30, 1933 - Feb. 27, 2021

"Ann" Annabelle Long, 87, of rural Peru, Indiana, formerly of Wabash, Indiana, died at 8:55 pm, Saturday, Funeral services have been Feb. 27, 2021 at her home. She was born

June 30, 1933 in North Grove, Indiana, to Atlee and Mary (Hostetler) Miller.

Ann was a 1951 graduate of Clay Township High School www.mcdonaldfunerals. in Miami County, Indiana. She married Alvin A. Long in North Grove, on Jan. 26, 1962; he died Jan. 16, 1999. Ann was a homemaker and a member of the First Church of Christ in Peru. She enjoyed reading, watching westerns and game shows on television, and especially enjoyed spending time with her family.

She is survived by eight children, Michael (Christy) Long of Peru, Lori (William "Bill") Hitchcock of New Haven, Indiana, Scott (Jackie) Long of Wabash, Indiana, Ann may be signed at www. and Eric (Melissa) Long of

Anderson. Indiana. Kay (Robert) Radel of Peru, Suzy (Tony) Peterka of Dayton, Ohio, Howard (Tina) Long and Dale Long, both of Peru, 22 grandchil-

dren, 38 great grandchildren, and 8 great great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Charles and Eldon Miller, and three sisters, Ruth Avery, Dorothea Schmittou, and Betty Miller.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Thursday, March 4, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Evangelist Shane Capps officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. Wednesday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is First Church of Christ in Peru.

The memorial guest book for grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Six Dr. Seuss books to stop being published over 'hurtful and wrong' portrayals

By KATE FELDMAN

New York Daily News (TNS)

Six Dr. Seuss books are being retired after decades of criticism over racist imagery in the illustrated children's stories.

Dr. Seuss Enterprises, the organization that carries on the author's legacy, announced Tuesday that it will stop publishing and licensing "And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street," "If I Ran the Zoo," "MeElligat's Roal," "On "MeElligat's Roal," "On "The Road of the Ro "McElligot's Pool," "On Beyond Zebra!," "Scrambled Eggs Super!" 'The Cat's Quizzer."

"These books portray people in ways that are hurtful and wrong," the organization said in a statement Tuesday morning, adding that the decision was made last year with a panel of experts, including teachers.

books is only part of our commitment and our broader plan to ensure Dr. Seuss Enterprises's catalog

"Ceasing sales of these



A statue of Dr. Seuss and the cat in the hat at the Springfield, Massachusetts museum.

uss, born Theodor Se- minorities. uss Geisel in Springfield, Over Mass., on March 2, 1904.

weekend, Loudoun County Public While the children's clas- Schools in Virginia anrepresents and supports all sics are still revered around nounced that they would communities and families." the world, renewed criti- de-emphasize Dr. Seuss ical cartoons and cartoons The announcement falls cism has spurred second books on Read Across depicting African Amerion the birthday of Dr. Se- looks at his depictions of America Day, an annual cans for sale."

event that coincides with the author's birthday, over "strong racial undertones" in his work, including "anti-Japanese American polit-

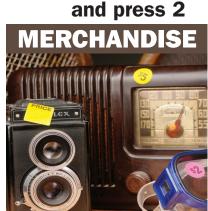




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Wabash County Sheriffs Department Basement Miami St Entrance, 79 W Main Street Judgment to be Satisfied: \$126,065.52 Cause Number: 85D01-2009-MF-000625 Plaintiff: BLUESKY CAPITAL LLC Defendant: TIFFANY DIAMOND By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Superior/Circuit Court of Wabash County Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said DE-CREE, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time and location listed above, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, a certain tract or parcel of land described as follows: The following described real estate situated in Wabash County, State of Indiana: A part of Reserve 18, Township 26 North, Range 6 East in the City of Wabash, Indiana, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stone marked "3" near the south bank of the Wabash River, said stone being located south 91.74 feet; thence S 80 degrees 15 minutes $\rm E$ 656.04 from the Northwest corner of said Reserve 18; thence South 646.8 feet; thence N 77 degrees 30 minutes 477.84 feet; thence N 68 degrees E 12.2 feet to a point in the Northerly line of Chestnut Street; thence along said Northerly line N 41 degrees 14 minutes E 181.0 feet; thence along a curve to the right of 218.20 feet radius 58.2 feet; thence N 72 degrees 46 minutes W 43.3 feet; thence S 45 degrees 48 minutes W 128.45 feet; thence S 62 degrees 11 minutes W 50.74 feet; thence N 83 degrees 66 minutes W 85.30 feet; thence N 11 degrees 38 minutes W 173.45 feet; thence N 66 degrees 26 minutes E 158.38 feet; thence N 66 degrees 05 minutes E 103.40 feet; thence N 66 degrees 29 minutes E 44.30 feet; thence N 1 degree 09 minutes E 75.00 feet to a point in the south bank of the Wabash River; thence along said bank in a Northwesterly direction to a point 92.4 feet North of the place beginning; thence South 92.4 feet to the place of beginning, containing 6.71 acres, more less. Subject to highways, right-of-ways, easements and restrictions of record. Commonly Known as: 200 CHESTNUT

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Attorney No. 16646-20 Marinosci Law Group, PC 455 West Lincolnway, Suite B Valparaiso, IN 46385 (219)531-3508

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Wabash County Sheriffs Department Basement Miami St Entrance, 79 W Main Street Judgment to be Satisfied: \$90,932.19 Cause Number: 85C01-1912-MF-001034 Plaintiff: GRANT COUNTY STATE BANK Defendant BRADEN WHITESELL and ALICIA WHITESELL; AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Superior/Circuit Court of Wabash County Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said DE-CREE, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time and location listed above, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, a certain tract or parcel of land described as follows: 1.05 ACRES IN THE WEST HALF OF RICHARDVILLE FLOAT SECTION (RE-SERVE) NUMBER 3, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, LIBERTY CIVIL TOWNSHIP, WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT IN THE WEST LINE OF RESERVE NUMBER 3. TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST. WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA WHICH IS 3784 FEET I NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID RESERVE. SAID POINT MARKED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT MARKER NO. 328, THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 927.55 FEET TO MARKER NO. 327. THENCE NORTH 01 **DEGREE 24 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST** 12.98 FEET TO A PIPE AT THE PLACE OF BEGINNING: THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 24 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST 246.21 FEET TO A PIPE, THENCE NORTH 61 DE-GREES 50 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 129.41 FEET TO THE CENTER OF FRANCIS SLOCUM TRAIL, THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE SOUTH 40 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST 224.73 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 61 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 286.81 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 1.05 ACRES.

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STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF WABASH)SS: IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT CAUSE NO: 85CO1-2102-EU-000017 IN RE THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF: SHIRLEY L. HARRIS, Deceased NOTICE OF

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of February, 2021, NICOLE L. HARRIS was appointed personal representative of the unsupervised estate of SHIRLEY L. HARRIS, deceased, who died on the 25th day of January,

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Wabash, Indiana, this 17th day of February, 2021. /s/ Lori J. Draper (SEAL) LORI DRAPER, Clerk Wabash Circuit Court Attorney for the Estate: R. P. Fisher FISHER & IRELAND 65 West Canal Street

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Wabash, Indiana 46992

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS The Wabash County Board of Commissioners will receive sealed bids for the construction of a small structure replacement on CR 600 East over an Unnamed Tributary of Grant Creek until 8:00 A.M. local time on March 22nd, 2021 at the Wabash County Board of Commissioners Office, 1 West Hill Street, Suite 102, Wabash, IN 46992. Bids may be delivered in person or by mail and shall be addressed to the Wabash County Board of Commissioners All bids will be publicly opened during the regularly scheduled Commissioners Meeting on March 22nd, 2021 after 9:00 A.M. Any bids received after the designated time will be returned unopened. THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION CON-SISTS OF CONSTRUCTING AN ALUMINUM BOX CULVERT WITH ALUMINUM INVERT, TOEWALLS, HEADWALLS, AND WING-WALLS (WABASH COUNTY SMALL STRUC-

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Proposals shall be properly and completely executed on the proposal form furnished to bidders. A certified check, bank draft, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the Bidder and a surety company in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid shall be submitted with each bid. The Contractor awarded the work will be required to furnish an acceptable Surety Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price. As part of the bid, bidders must demonstrate past experience in bridge construction and provide references for five (5) previously completed projects similar in

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NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Wabash County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers of the Wabash County Council will meet on Monday March 15, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. EST at the Wabash County Courthouse meeting room on the second floor to consider the following Additional Appropriation requests in excess of the budget for 2021.

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STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF WABASH IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT CAUSE NUMBER: 85C01-1903-JC-12 IN THE MATTER OF: KB - DOB 1/14/2018 A CHILD ALLEGED TO BE A CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES AND CORY BOWERS (MOTHER) BRETT NICCUM (FATHER) SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY **PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF** CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES

HEARING TO:Cory Bowers Whereabouts unknown NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above noted parent whose whereabouts are unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the child to be in Need of Services, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudica-

tion hearing has been scheduled with the

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judge of the Wabash Circuit Court, 49 West Hill Street, Wabash, IN 46992 - 260-563-0661 for a(n) Modification Hearing on 4/16/2021 at 9:00 AM. At said hearing, the Court will consider the Petition and evidence thereon and will render its decision as to whether the above named minor child is child in need of services and shall enter adjudication accordingly. Your failure to appear after lawful notice will be deemed as your default and waiver to be present at said hearing. UPON ENTRY OF SAID ADJUDICATION, A DISPOSITIONAL HEARING will be held in which the Court will consider (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of your participation in the program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; and (3) Your financial responsibility for any services provided for the parent, guardian or custodian of the child including child support.
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son or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition, judgment by default may be entered against you, or the court may proceed in your absence, without further notice. /s/ Lori J. Draper (SEAL)

Matthew Boulac, 26010-49 Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services 250 Main St Suite 301 Lafayette, IN 47901 HSPAXLP.02/24,03/03,03/10/2021

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Two-year relationship seems to be off more often than on

DEAR ABBY: I have been on and off with a man for two years. In all this time, he has never spent a holiday or Valentine's Day with me, or in-

troduced me to his family or friends. He told me to stay in the bathroom at his when office friends his showed up unexpectedly. When I

Dear

Abby

objected, he said, "It's only for 20 minutes." I was horrified.

He accuses me of picking fights and says I will never be happy with anyone when I try to talk with him about it. He breaks up with me at holiday time, never calls when he's on vacation and our dates are always last minute. I realize he is using me for sex, but he insists I am wrong and he is a decent man.

Two birthdays passed, and he didn't even wish me a happy birthday, yet he buys presents and cards for every occasion for his friends and family. He blocks my number if I don't "behave properly." He calls me "Miss" in public, but calls waitresses "Sweetie" the few times we have gone

Narcissistic and emotionally abusive? Am I wrong? He tells me no one will stay with me once they know the type of woman I am. I'm not always at fault like he wants me to believe. He buys me nothing to drink or eat when we are together. I pay my own way. I regret the day he entered my life. How can I make him see what he does is wrong? - Almost Done In New York

DEAR ALMOST DONE: This shameless man may never view what he has been doing as wrong, so don't try to "make" him see anything. End this sorry excuse for a relationship now, because it is degrading, a waste of your time, and it's very likely that he is married and cheating on his wife.

DEAR ABBY: I am 62, very healthy and youthful, and work full time as an R.N. I recently started dating a 67-yearold man I met on a dating site. We go out, do various things together, laugh and seem to be compatible. My concern is, he has significant heart disease.

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lease specialist. We were taking my dogs for a walk recently and he said he didn't feel well. He fell, and his defibrillator went off. Another time we were on a trip and he couldn't walk far before saying he needed water, and he also wanted to be sure there was a bathroom close by. Another time we were attempting to have some intimacy and his defibrillator went off, which put a damper on the mood.

Should I stay with this guy when his general health is so poor? It is affecting me - and us. I do not want to be a caretaker, although at the same time, I do have compassion for him. – Heartstrings Pulled

DEAR HEARTSTRINGS: What a sad situation. It shouldn't take a medical background to see what the future holds, at least for him.

This is a new relationship. Not once in your letter did you mention the depth of his feelings for you or yours for him. He does - and probably will continue to - need looking after. Because you stated you are not prepared to do that, tell him NOW while he's well enough to find someone who

would be. Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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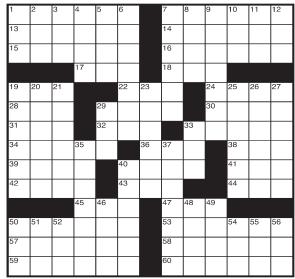
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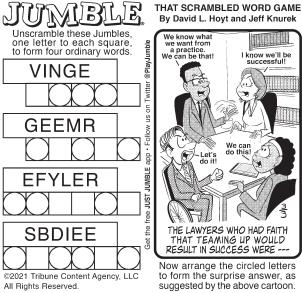
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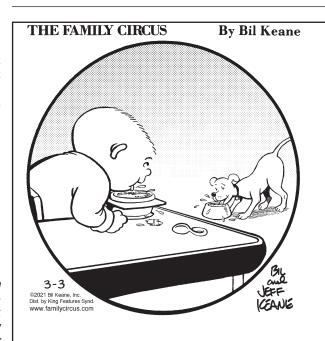
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When Jesus Christ comes back to this earth, evil is going to be destroyed

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

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Billy cades later on Graham 9/11. We are watching the My Answer success of the cancel culture, but will evil ever be "canceled"? -

C.C. A: When Jesus Christ

comes back to this earth, evil is going to be destroyed. The devil himself is going to be cast into the bottomless pit, and ultimately into the lake of fire. The Bible says that the lake of fire was prepared for the devil and all who follow him. God never wants anyone else to go to Hell.

This is the reason God calls

upon people everywhere to follow Him and be obedi-

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When Christ returns there will be worldwide justice. Hunger and poverty will be eliminated. Racial hatred will disappear. All the tensions between ethnic groups will be gone - there will be no more fighting. What a wonderful time that is going to be! Nature itself is going to be changed. "And there shall be no more curse" (Revelation 22:3). There will be safety

we are going to live for God and security: "Everyone shall sit under his vine ... and no tan and follow him and run one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken" (Micah 4:4). Those who say "no" to Him now will one day bow at His feet, but then it will be too late to turn to Him and receive His eternal salvation.

Until that time, evil will continue to reign. Salvation now is the answer to evil and accepting Christ as your personal Savior will bring peace to the heart and strength for the journey, until He comes.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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Previous Solution: "She (Tanya Roberts) brought joy to so many people. .. Goodbye angel, rest in peace." - Jaclyn Smith

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LETTERS GUIDELINES

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@ wabashplaindealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. **Hebrews 13:1-2**

Who cares about public notices? You should

One of the great things about living in the U.S. is that our city and county governments are required to keep their citizens informed about their actions. One of the ways they do this is through public notices – the informational notices that have been deemed to be of importance to local constituents. They are required by law to be disseminated by an independent third party to a broad audience within the community.

An example of a public notice is a request to rezone a piece of property from residential to commercial. The ramifications of such government action are obvious, and it's in the public's interest to be able to monitor and provide input into such activities. Public notices are currently required to be published in the newspaper.

There have been recent attempts in several states to change the law so that public notices are no longer required to be published in newspapers. The motivation for eliminating the newspaper publication requirement is typically from one of two sources:

Sometimes it comes from a legislator who doesn't agree with the editorial position of the newspaper and may seek to remove public notices as a way to get back at them.

And sometimes, it is a sincere approach to save the city or county money.

While saving money seems to make sense at first blush, when you weigh the impact on the community – losing transparency and the ability to keep citizens informed – the costs are minimal and worth the investment.

Public notices have been around since the first Congress, and newspapers have been the designated recipient of public notices since the beginning when radio, TV and the internet didn't exist. We now have

dozens, if not hundreds of media choices: there are more forms of communication than ever before. With such a multitude of choices. it begs the question of what's the most effective medium, and are newspapers still a viable option? Broadcast TV, cable and radio often have a representative audience. However, it just isn't cost-effective to produce ads and buy airtime for public notices, and those ads don't explain the complex issues as well. Plus, it isn't feasible to go back and watch a public notice ad that ran at an earlier time.

What about a city or county just posting the notices to their website? This is the most significant challenge that newspapers often face in the public notice debate, but this carries two significant problems:

Government websites don't provide the same proactive notice as newspapers. Most newspapers have at least ten times the audience that city and county websites have, making newspapers and their websites far more effective.

Newspapers provide independent verification that the notice was provided. It is not too far of a reach to imagine a city official "burying a notice" on the city's website or limiting the length of time it is seen if the notice was thought to be problematic. When a notice is in the newspaper, the publisher is required by law to verify that the notice is printed according to the statutes. This provides the community with the information it needs. With a newspaper, it is easy to document when the notice was published in print and online, and exactly what it said.

While many websites have large audiences, most are specifically targeted at a specific interest, and not for a local (geographic)

community. Public notices, by their very nature, are local and only have value to the audience who live in the impacted area. The laws in most states require that the public notices printed in newspapers must also be posted to the newspaper's website, so the right audience is reached in print and online. Plus, the most interested observers of a community and its government typically read the local newspaper; there are typically few or no other entities that provide news about the city and county. It is rare to find a local website with an audience more interested in the actions of their government than that of the local newspaper.

Newspapers charge a reasonable fee for publishing public notices – usually significantly less than the commercial rates charged to other advertisers. This covers the newspaper's expense and may even provide a small profit. Considering the important role that newspapers play in their community, this is a worthwhile investment in an institution that provides news and information that is rarely available elsewhere.

Let your state legislators know that you value being able to access notices in your newspaper and that they are worth the investment. There is a cost to keeping citizens informed, but the costs of not doing so are much higher!

This editorial by America's Newspapers CEO Dean Ridings is being made available to members. On behalf of its approximately 1,500 newspaper and associate member companies, America's Newspapers is committed to explaining, defending and advancing the vital role of newspapers in democracy and civil life. We emphasize educating the public on all the ways newspapers contribute to building community identity and the success of local businesses. For more information, visit www.newspapers.org.



Who benefits from school choice?

By DR. ROBERT STWALLEY

The Republican supermajority in the Indiana General Assembly is currently attempting to prioritize private education benefiting fewer than 10 percent of students while underfunding its constitutional duty of providing a system of common school open and available to all. It is public schools that educate more than 90 percent of Hoosier students and are the "schools of choice" when considering open enrollment data. Unfortunately, the legislature wants to change the rules again to expand private school choice options and benefit their profiteers. The absurdity of these proposals is that parents in Indiana have always had a choice in schooling. The laws clearly state that children only need to be in a school. No one is forced

to utilize any particular school. This issue is really about who pays for the schooling. School choice advocates would have you believe that money should follow the child because this platitude is simple and seems to make sense on the surface. However, this is completely untrue and detrimental to the overall concept of a tuition-free public school system. Taxes are collected from everyone to support government activities. Public schools are government entities designed to improve society by providing practical education for the young citizens of tomorrow. Everyone is better off with an educated populace. School funding does not support any individual child, but the overall public school system. Siphoning school funding away from public schools through vouchers and ESAs to support attendance in private schools diminishes the ability of our public

schools to serve the remaining

children since expenses do not fall

in proportion to attendance. Public funding should only fund public

schools. The argument put forward by the privatizers that our public schools are failing and in need of replacing them with private, profit-driven schools is false. A recent peer-reviewed journal article (Waddington & Berends (2018), doi: 10.1002/ pam.22086) about Indiana's voucher program conclusively demonstrates that while there is no statistical difference in language skills between public school and voucher-taking private school students, math skills decline and remain lower for years. The high-paying jobs of the future will require math skills, and these students are having the deck stacked against them. School choice advocates would have you believe that the free market in education ensures a better, high-quality education for children,

when in fact, the opposite is true. The free market works on the profit motive. Business entities supplying goods and services desire to make as large a profit as possible from their operations. That means cutting expenses to a minimum to become a low-cost provider. Public entities work on standards-driven missions to provide goods and services for the benefit of everyone. Yes, we pay our instructors more, because we only hire qualified professionals. We spend significant time and effort on our curriculums because we utilize experts to carefully determine and review what we teach. Our buildings are expensive, because we want our children safe, secure, and well-cared for when they are under our supervision. When presented in this light, does

ed by the low-cost provider who is guided by the profit motive? The Indiana General Assem-

anyone want their children educat-

bly would have you believe that profit-driven, low-cost educational providers are best for everyone. They are currently attempting to double-down on vouchers through a mechanism called Educational Savings Accounts (ESAs). These are essentially open spending debit cards given to parents that leave public schools and opt-in to the program for their private "educational expenses." Vouchers and ESAs are subject to less regulation, accountability, and transparency than public school spending. Audits of ESAs in other states that have tried these programs routinely uncover significant abuse in which the children are the ultimate losers when their educational funding is spent by parents for non-educational purposes.

The legislature has additionally proposed raising the income limits to qualify for the existing school voucher program to levels incorporating families that can only be described as "well-off" or "wealthy," completely undermining their original talking point of helping poor families escape 'failing' schools. This proposal will not improve the education of Indiana's children. It will not save the state any money, and it is fiscally irresponsible. As a society, it is in everyone's best interest to maintain and support a strong and robust public school system for all families. Please contact your legislator and encourage them to vote "no" on HB 1005.

Dr. Robert Stwalley is president of the Indiana School Boards Association and the Lafayette School Corporation Board of Trustees, with nearly 20 year's experience in public school policy and guidance. All four of Dr. Stwalley's grandparents were public school teachers, and he and his wife have had four children that were successfully educated into American citizenship through the public school system.

Becerra nomination a disaster for Hoosiers

At a time when our government faces historic health care challenges – most notably the battle with COVID-19 and the effort to create and distribute viable vaccines – President Joe Biden has chosen a partisan warrior with no health care or administrative experience to lead the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

While you may not know Xavier Becerra – the current Attorney General of California – you are likely familiar with some of his "greatest hits".

Remember when the Trump Administration gave Little Sisters of the Poor a religious exemption from Obamacare,

Todd Young



and the State of California sued the nuns to force them to offer birth control? That was Xavier Becerra.

Remember when the State of California tried to make

pro-life Crisis Pregnancy
Centers advertise free and
low-cost abortions? That
case was fought to the Supreme Court, where a conservative majority
shot it down. That case was called National

shot it down. That case was called National Institute of Family and Life Advocates v. Becerra.

Remember when President Trump declared

a national emergency to move forward with building the wall on our southern border, and open border advocates sued to stop it? That, too, was Xavier Becerra. Lacking administrative experience of any kind Beccera's qualifications seem to be his

Lacking administrative experience of any kind, Beccera's qualifications seem to be his prolific willingness to sue to block Trump administration policies, which he did more than 60 times. Becerra is not a health expert, he's a career politician, having served in elected office for more than 30 years.

His voting record from his time as a member of the House of Representatives gives a clear indication on how he may operate if confirmed. Becerra voted against a ban on partial-birth abortions and penalties for sex-selective abortions. He received a 100 percent rating from Planned Parenthood. He has also endorsed a government-run Medicare for All scheme.

HHS is a \$1.3 trillion agency that oversees the health and well-being of Americans, according to its mission.

The health and well-being of Americans are truly of utmost importance, especially in the midst of – and as we emerge from – a global pandemic. A high government position of this nature calls for a nominee with health care expertise and administrative experience. Beccera has neither.

For those reasons and more, I will be a strong no vote against Xavier Becerra's nomination.

Republican Todd Young has represented Indiana in the U.S. Senate since 2017.

LETTER

Include racetracks in grant program

I write to request that Congress create a grant program to support recreation, sports and amusement venues that provide live entertainment yet were excluded from the "Shuttered Venue Operators Grants" program (Section 324 of Public Law No:116-260). It is imperative to the future of racetracks in communities across the country that Congress provide a lifeline for live entertainment businesses that have experienced unprecedented declines in revenue as a result of complying with attendance restrictions.

Many small businesses, including family-owned and operated racetracks, depend on hosting live events each week. These venues have been devastated by lockdowns and capacity restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic, experiencing revenue declines of 50 percent or more. Ticket-buying customers were prohibited from attending races, and race teams were unable to perform or participate in motorsports competition in the months after the start of the pandemic. Ongoing attendance restrictions continue to threaten many racetracks along with other entertainment venues, which provide jobs and are integral to communities across the country.

Please support the nearly 1,000 small local and regional live event providers that host motorsports events in addition to the millions of fans who depend on local racetracks for affordable, family-friendly entertainment.

Dan Kronenberg, Elwood Armand Smith, Muncie Mike Sargent, Albany Randy Rinker, Syracuse **Buddy Davis, Muncie** Trina Stovall, Fort Wayne **Bruce Miller, Hartford City** Vic Brown, Tipton Bruce Harper, Delphi Rich Pedraza, Fort Wayne Tom Ellis, Fort Wayne Lisa Scott, Warsaw Jeffrey Achors, Kokomo Lori Schilling, Portland Phil Penn, Wabash Joel Chalfant, Hartford City Andy Gilbert, Fort Wayne **Brent Baker, Leesburg** Matthew Goodnight, Hartford City Shawn Hazelswart, Fort Wayne

Let's argue instead of judge

disturbing

What any religious tradition ascribes as God's will is no concern of this Congress." New York Democrat Rep. Jerry Nadler, chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, said this on the House floor during debate over the euphemistically named Equality Act.

He was reacting to a Republican congressman from Florida who quoted Deuteronomy to make an argument that men are men and women are women by design. The congressman didn't need the Bible to make his case, eventually transitioning into the danger to women's sports that the legislation poses.

Nadler could have disregarded the religious angle and argued for the need for a pluralistic society, or something along those lines. Instead, things escalated quickly, as they say. He banished God from the chambers. Mercifully, he doesn't have the power to do that. That very session of the House, as they all do, began with a prayer. But perhaps more shocking than Nadler's matter-of-fact declaration was the lack of objection to it from his

Kathryn Lopez



Philadelphia's sudden refusal to work with Catholic Social Services on foster care and adoption placement and support. The plaintiff in that case, Sharonell Fulton, has fostered more than 40 children over a quarter-century. No one made a complaint against Catholic Social Services about anything regarding LGBT issues, and yet the group's work with the city was stopped because of its traditional views of marriage.

So, when Nadler says what he says, he is actually being honest about what the Democratic party increasingly means: If you don't submit to progressive ideology, you have no right to be operating in the public square.

Take what just happened on Amazon to Ryan Anderson's book, "When Harry Became Sally: Responding to the Transgender Moment." It was banned, without explanation. No used bookstores, no Kindle. The truth is, Anderson's

book is a love letter to humanity. It's compassionate, it's reasoned, it's chock-full of evidence and human testimony. It's the kind of book people need to read – even those who will disagree

with its central theses would benefit from exposure to its perspectives, even if it's just to argue with them. But with Amazon's action, it will be difficult for readers to find it and to make up their own

Dr. Rachel Levine, who might be the number two at the Department of Health and Human Services, wouldn't answer a question from Sen. Rand Paul about whether government should intervene against parents' wishes when a child wants to change his gender. This seems like the sort of issue that needs to be discussed, so that, again, people can debate and make up their own minds. Instead, government is banishing such discussion, leaving it to the vituperative sphere of social

The Heritage Foundation, working with a coalition of like-minded groups, has recently launched Prom-

ise to America's Children (promisetoamericaschildren. org) to work to protect them from all of the implications of this increasingly authoritarian radicalism. It's an effort to get tools to parents, educators and policymakers. Adults need to realize we can have disagreements and work together for the vulnerable at the same time. Gender dysphoria is a real thing, and a real misery for those suffering from it, as Anderson talks about with real tenderness and insight. But as a trend - and for children – it is so harmful.

So, before we cast out every kind of consideration that might, in fact, be a gift from a creator who has a few ideas for us about how we should live, let's try hearing one another out like mature adults who respect each other. And you can get Anderson's book from Encounterbooks.com.

Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute, editor-at-large of National Review magazine and author of the new book "A Year With the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living." She is also chair of Cardinal Dolan's pro-life commission in New York. She can be contacted at klopez@nationalreview.

Longtime Indiana casino exec selling out after allegations

By TOM DAVIES Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A longtime heavyweight in Indiana's gambling industry is selling his stake in a Gary casino project and permanently giving up his state casino license after allegations of financial wrongdoings by him and a business partner.

The deal announced Tuesday between former Spectacle Entertainment CEO Rod Ratcliff and the Indiana Gaming Commission comes after he had filed a lawsuit last month against the agency's order that he give up his ownership stake in the existing Lake Michigan casino in Gary and a new \$300 million casino being built to replace it at a more lucrative inland Gary location.

The dispute over Ratcliff's ownership role had threatened the opening of the new Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana this spring, but the commission's director said its staff would work toward "an expeditious opening" for the new casino.

State casino officials began investigating Spectacle and Ratcliff in January 2020 after federal allegations emerged that a longtime Ratcliff business partner, former Spectacle vice president John Keeler, illegally funneled casino company money to a former state lawmaker's unsuccessful 2016 Republican congressional campaign.

The state gaming commission has said Ratcliff was involved in that scheme, citic calendar about an April investigation.

2015 meeting at Indianapolis International Airport with a Virginia political consultant who was sentenced last year on federal fraud charges.

State officials have also alleged that Ratcliff continued exerting control over Spectacle in violation of state orders, wrongly funneled nearly \$1 million in casino company money into his own horse race wagering account and made improper job offers to government lobbyists.

A spokesman for Ratcliff said the agreement benefits all sides and stop the "unfair persecution of Rod Ratcliff."

"With this settlement agreement, Rod achieves what he wanted from the very beginning of this ordeal – to retire from Indiana gaming on his own terms," spokesman Robert Vane said in a statement. "Mr. Ratcliff's career in Indiana has resulted in the creation of thousands of jobs for Hoosiers, millions of dollars of economic activity, and significant charitable investment in local communities."

Ratcliff has denied wrongdoing and hasn't been charged by federal authorities in the campaign financing case.

Terms of Ratcliff's ownership stake sale were not released. His shares are being bought by Hard Rock International and Spectacle Entertainment partner Greg Gibson, who took over ownership last year of the new casino being built in Terre ing an email from a Ratcliff Haute from Spectacle beemployee and his electron- cause of the federal criminal

Texas, other states ease virus rules despite warnings

Bv PAUL J. WEBER and TAMMY WEBBER

Associated Press Texas on Tuesday became

the biggest state to lift its mask rule, joining a rapidly growing movement by governors and other leaders across the U.S. to loosen COVID-19 restrictions despite pleas from health officials not to let their guard down yet.

The Lone Star State will also do away with limits on the number of diners who can be served indoors, said Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, who made the announcement at a restaurant in Lubbock.

The governors of Michigan, Mississippi and Louisiana likewise eased up on bars, restaurants and other businesses Tuesday, as did the mayor of San Francisco.

"Removing statewide mandates does not end personal responsibility," said Abbott, speaking from a crowded dining room where many of those surrounding him were not wearing masks. "It's just that now state mandates are no longer needed."

A year into the crisis, politicians and ordinary Americans alike have grown tired of rules meant to stem the spread of the coronavirus, which has killed over a half-million people in the United States. Some places are lifting infection control measures; in other places, people are ignoring

Top health officials, includfor Disease Control and Pre- And Florida is getting ready

begging people repeatedly not to risk another deadly wave of contagion just when the nation is making progress in vaccinating people and victory over the outbreak is in

U.S. cases have plunged more than 70 percent over the past two months from an average of nearly 250,000 new infections a day, while average deaths per day have plummeted about 40 percent since mid-January.

But the two curves have leveled off abruptly in the past several days and have even risen slightly, and the numbers are still running at alarmingly high levels, with an average of about 2,000 deaths and 68,000 cases per day. Health officials are increasingly worried about virus mutations.

"We stand to completely lose the hard-earned ground we have gained," CDC director Dr. Rochelle Walensky warned on Monday.

Even so, many Americans are sick of the shutdowns that have damaged their livelihoods and are eager to socialize again.

An Indianapolis-area bar was filled with maskless patrons over the weekend. In Southern California, people waited in lines that snaked through a parking lot on a recent weekday afternoon for the chance to shop and eat at Downtown Disney, part of Disneyland. (The theme ing the head of the Centers park's rides remain closed.)

spring break.

"People want to stay safe, but at the same time, the fatigue has hit," said Ryan Luke, who is organizing a weekend rally in Eagle, Idaho, to encourage people to patronize businesses that don't require masks. "We just want to live a quasi-normal life."

Michael Junge argued against a mask mandate when officials in the Missouri tourist town of Branson passed one and said he hasn't enforced it in his Lost Boys Barber Company. He said he is sick of it.

"I think the whole thing is a joke honestly," he said. "They originally said that this was going to go for a month and they have pushed it out to indefinitely. ... It should have been done a long time ago."

In San Francisco, an upbeat Mayor London Breed announced that California gave the green light to indoor dining and the reopening of movie theaters and gyms.

"You can enjoy your city, right here, right now," she said from Fisherman's Wharf, one of the city's biggest tourist attractions. She added: "We are not where we need to be yet, but we're getting there, San Francisco."

Mississippi Gov. Reeves said he is getting rid of most mask mandates and lifting most other restrictions, including limits on seating in restaurants, starting Wednes-

"The governor's office is getting out of the business of

vention, have responded by to welcome students on telling people what they can and cannot do," the Republican said.

> Florida, which is getting ready for spring break travelers to flock to its sunny beaches, is considered to be in an "active outbreak," along with Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and South Carolina, according to the data-tracking website Covi-

Florida Gov. Rick DeSantis made it clear during his annual State of the State address Tuesday that he welcomes more visitors to Florida in his drive to keep the state's economy thriving.

Florida municipalities can impose their own mask rules and curfews, restrict beach access and place some limits on bars and restaurants, but some have virtually no such measures in place.

Miami Beach will require masks indoors and out and restrict the number of people allowed on the beach as well as in bars and restaurants.

"If you want to party without restrictions, then go somewhere else. Go to Vegas," Miami Beach City Manager Raul Aguila said during a recent virtual meeting. "We will be taking a zero-tolerance attitude towards that behavior."

In Michigan, a group called All Business Is Essential has resisted Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's virus policies, and many people are ignoring mask requirements and other measures, said group leader

Kelsheimer said they es-

timated replacing Callahan

would be a four- to six-

month process. He said they

would like to have the new

superintendent begin no later

Kelsheimer said during the

transition period, Callahan's

responsibilities are being

divided between WCS busi-

ness manager Matt Stone

and director of curriculum

and instruction Emily Tracy.

responsible for operations

and buildings, while Tra-

cy handles curriculum and

The next regular WCS

board meeting has been

scheduled for 6 p.m. Mon-

day, March 15 at WHS, 580

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classroom responsibilities.

Kelsheimer said Stone is

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several months ago, the policy is now in effect and applies to all print and audio items in the library's physical collection and excludes only movies – both DVD and Blu-ray – and WiFi hotspots.

"Libraries can be a gateway to the world for people visit www.wabash.lib.in.us. of all ages, and it is one that we believe should be accessible with as few barriers as possible," said circulation manager Cody Abbott.

Wimberly said the WCPL is "committed to providing information to as many members of the Wabash community as possible and eliminating fines offers a fresh start for some to rediscover what the library has to offer."

"Under the new policy, patrons are still encouraged to return their materials on time," said Wimberly.

Wimberly said patrons will be blocked from checking out items until any long-overdue materials have been resolved. Once an item is one month overdue, it will be the patron's responsibility to pay a replacement fee for the item.

"One of the major concerns we heard from the community is that there would no longer be a reason to return materials on time. That is definitely not the case with this new policy," said Abbott.

Wimberly said other changes to the policy include adding one grace day to circulating movies, while Interlibrary Loan books will now count toward a patron's total checkout. Previously, those titles were counted

separately.

While the last year has certainly been difficult for everyone, we are looking forward to seeing our community return to the library and hope that these policy changes will make it easier to access our services moving forward," said community outreach coordinator Rachel Castle.

For more information,

On Tuesday, North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) adult department manager and marketing coordinator said they have been virtually fine-free for over 30 years.

"The library only charges late fees on DVDs and WiFi hotspots," said Hann. Hann said all print and audio items in the library's collection are late fine-free. However, patrons must still be courteous about returning materials in their proper condition and reasonably

on time. "The library does charge for replacement costs for damaged items, or for items that have been overdue for over half a year," said Hann.

Hann said the NMPL also hosts annual Fine Forgiveness Weeks, where patrons who return overdue materials will have their accounts cleared of any late fees.

"The NMPL works to ensure that every person is able to access our collection. We strive to eliminate any barriers of accessibility that fines can create," said NMPL director Diane Randall.

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MEETINGS

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community members regarding our superintendent search," said Kelsheimer.

Kelsheimer said the board had decided to hose four such work sessions. Each will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on various selected days in the auditorium at Wabash Middle School (WMS), 150 Colerain St.

"In order to conduct meetings in a safe manner and to allow for social distancing," Kelsheimer said groups should arrive on different days to their assigned meetings.

Dates for the work sessions include:

■ Wednesday, March 3: Staff at L.H. Carpenter Early Learning Center and O Neighbours Elementary School.

■ Thursday, March Staff at WMS.

■ Wednesday, March 10: Staff at Wabash High School (WHS).

■ Thursday, March 11: Members of the community. Last month, the board took its first steps to replace former superintendent Jason Callahan at a special session.

Kelsheimer said the meeting centered around the establishment of a documented job description for the posi-

Kelsheimer said the board has selected Dr. Michael Adamson with Indiana School Boards Association (ISBA) to assist with the search.

Kelsheimer said the next steps included providing Adamson a copy of the job description and district demographics for the opening to be posted and the application process to begin.

Kelsheimer said once posted, the application period will remain open for 45

In December 2020, Callahan informed the board of his intentions to leave his post after 16 years on the job. Kelsheimer said following their Monday, Dec. 21 regular WCS board meeting, Callahan "made the board aware" of his resignation.

In September 2020, Callahan was named one of five new members of the Governor's Workforce Cabinet by Gov. Eric Holcomb.

And, in December 2020, Callahan was appointed as assistant secretary of pathways and opportunities with the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE).

Callahan is currently serving in that role in Indianap-

> are not in favor of closing them.

> After some discussion, take the request under advisement for further study. Dawes seconded the motion and it passed by a 3 to

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ALLEY

in Liberty Mills.

"Portions of these areas are undeveloped and as such are used mainly by adjacent owners to access their properties," said Eppley.

Eppley said the request was ultimately denied because the town plat "was found to and alleys in question do, in fact, exist" "We rarely find it appropri-

be in order and the streets

ate to undo or change a town platt," said Eppley. Eppley said that during

the Monday, Sept. 15, 2020 meeting neighboring landowners objected to the va-

During that meeting, Douglas and Alice Campbell

requested that several streets and alleys be closed, according to the board. Area plan director Mike

Howard said the plan commission had no concerns with the request. Kelly Campbell, Mary Jane

Barrett and Robert Prater, all neighbors whose properties are adjacent to the unimproved streets and alleys, were present and stated they

Eppley made a motion to 0 vote.

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FIRE

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word of the fire at the home at 13475 South Miami County Road 300 East at 10:48 a.m., the re-

lease said. The release identified the caller as Laura Gingerich, 27, a resident of the home, who reported heavy smoke and that her three children were trapped inside the resi-

"The first extinguishing fire unit arrived at approximately 11:04 a.m.," the release said. "Fire units made a quick entry into the home and recovered the three children in a second-floor room that contained heavy smoke"

All three children were unconscious and not breathing. Firefighters and law enforcement officers at the scene began life saving measures until the children were taken to hospitals in Kokomo and Peru.

The fire is still under investigation led by the Miami County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Indiana Fire Marshal's Office.

As of Saturday evening, neither the cause of the fire nor the cause of the children's deaths have been determined, the news release said. Autopsies were waiting to be scheduled.

"Early evidence indicates that Laura Gingerich was in a downstairs bathroom while the children were in a second-floor room," the release said. "Laura Gingerich smelled smoke and tried to get to her children."

She reported the smoke was too thick for her to make it up the stairs and that she then called 911.

Numerous agencies assisted the Miami County Sheriff's Office at the scene to include the Amboy Fire Department, Converse Fire Department, the Galveston Fire Department, the Pipe Creek Fire Department, the Indiana State Police, Indiana Department of Homeland Security and the Indiana Fire Marshal's Office.

Chief Deputy Dave Vitek with the Sheriff's Office talked with the Tribune Saturday night and called the fire a "horrible tragedy.'

He complimented the firefighters and law enforcement officers from all the responding agencies for their "professionalism and bravery.'

"They made every attempt possible to save those children," he said.

In a message posted to social media on Saturday night, Maconaquah School Corporation officials said Miracle and Steven Gingerich were students at Pipe Creek Elementary.

"Our students and staff are devastated by the loss of the Gingerich children," the notice said. "Both Miracle and Steven had contagious smiles and a bubbly energy that will be sorrowfully missed by their teachers and many friends."

"My heart and the hearts of Pipe Creek and Maconaquah staff are absolutely broken over this devastating loss," Pipe Creek Principal, Laura Fulton, said in the message. "We send our deepest thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of the Gingerich children."

"We have sent an email to the parents of students who were in class with both Miracle and Steven," the post said. "We encourage parents to talk with their students about the loss of their classmate as this will allow them to grieve with their family and the loved ones closest to them.'

The school said counselors would be available to students throughout

the week. Jared Keever, Peru Tribune editor, may be reached by email at jkeever@perutribune.

PULSE

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every week from 7 to 8:30 or 9 p.m. Wednesdays in the Manchester High School band

Series of in-person **Imagine One 85** workshops taking place this week

Originally planned for February, a series of in-person Imagine One 85 Focus on the Future sessions have been slated for early March by the Community Foundation of Wabash County (CFWC) and Grow Wabash County. Planned in-person sessions include 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 3 at the Honeywell Center's Legacy Center, 275 W. Market St.; and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4 at the Manchester Community Schools Administration Building Auditorium, 404 W. 9th St., North Manchester.To one85.org/focus-on-the -future/.

Wabash Marketplace announces March **First Friday details**

Organized by Wabash Marketplace, First Friday takes place from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 5 in downtown Wabash. This free event features downtown shopping, food, live music and children's activities. The theme is "Lucky & Lit," honoring St. Patrick's Day and the city of Wabash being the first electrically lighted city in the world. Trolley No. 85 will be running including stops at Veteran's Plaza, Eagles Theatre, The Depot, YMCA and the Charley Creek Inn Miami Entrance. Face coverings and social distancing are required in downtown Wabash. For more information, visit wabash marketplace.org/first-friday.

Wabash County **Democratic Party to** hold reorganization caucuses

The Wabash County Democratic Party is set to hold their email

noon Saturday, March 6 in the west parking lot of the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. The event will conclude by 1 p.m. A short meeting followed by the election of new officers will take place at that time, as well as new business. Only elected or appointed precinct-level committee members are eligible to vote and participate in this caucus.

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to hold March meeting

Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, at the Grandstaff Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be given by Brenda Ramseier, on her painting of the women suffragist and the 19th Amendment. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to register, visit https://imagine any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the Ameriquestions about their family history lineage information may contact www.dar.org or Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Grow Wabash County hosting Process Communication workshop

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County's Process Communication Model (PCM) workshop scheduled for Monday, May 3 through Wednesday, May 5, at the Grow Wabash County office. Tuition for the workshop will be \$550 until March 9, when the cost will go up to \$600. The tuition fee will cover the participant's course fees, an in-depth personalized PCM profile, and snacks and meals throughout the workshop. Those interested or representatives for their companies can do so at www.grow wabashcounty.com/pcm workshop or by contacting Grow Wabash County by info@growwabash

260-563-5258.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; and 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 24 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. For more information, www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger -action-month/c299182 https://www.givepulse.com/ group/203410.

Employers invited to Manchester **University Virtual Career Fair**

Those with opportunities for full-time and part-time employment, internships and graduate school are invited to take part in the Manchester University Virtual Career can Revolution. Those having Fair. The deadline to register is March 5, but spots are limited. Organizations can take part free of charge. The virtual career fair is 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 on Handshake, an online platform that helps students connect with potential employers. This fair is for undergraduate students from the North Manchester campus. Register by visiting https:// link.manchester.edu/career fair or email CareerDevelop ment@manchester.edu.

Southwood, Metro North Kindergarten Round-Ups announced

Children who will be at least five years of age on or before Aug. 1 are eligible to participate in kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year. Southwood Elementaon Wednesday, March 10, and Metro North Elementary will hold theirs on Thursday, March 11. Families must register for Kindergarten Round-Up no later than March 8. To

reorganization caucuses at county.com or by phone at register, visit www.msdwc. by Rick Abbot and directed k12.in.us. For more information about Southwood Elementary School, email Principal Phil Boone at boone pr@msdwc.k12.in.us. For more information about Metro North Elementary School, email Principal Janette Moore at moorej@msdwc.k12.in.us.

Visit Wabash County plans annual St. **Trolley's Day Tour**

Visit Wabash County has announced tickets are on sale for the annual St. Trolley's Day Tour set for Saturday, March 13. The St. Trolley's Day Tour is \$30 per person, due at registration, and is all-inclusive for those 21 and older. To register, visit www.VisitWabash County.com/trolley-tours, visit 221 S. Miami St. or call 260-563-7171.

Salute to Ag Dinner planned for March 10

The 2021 Salute to Ag Dinner will take place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 at the Heartland REMC building, 350 Wedcor Ave. Tickets are \$20 each and sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 to \$2,500. For more information, visit grow wabashcounty.com/ag2021 or email marketing@grow wabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258.

Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month, starting March 18 at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all ry will host their Round-Up times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

WACT plans spring comedy

Performances of "Play On!"

by Brett Robinson have been scheduled for the weekend of Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 2 at Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124. For more information, email brett.a.robinson1@out

COVID-19 testing continues at **Parkview Wabash**

OptumServe will administer free COVID-19 testing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at Parkview Wabash Hospital "on an on-going basis." Testing will take place at 8 John Kissinger Drive in the firstfloor conference room of the Medical Office Building (MOB) adjoining Parkview Wabash Hospital. Testing site patrons should not use the MOB entrance or enter through the hospital, but instead, enter and exit through the designated entrance between the two buildings. Signage will mark the appropriate entrance, which is within a few steps of the conference room and testing site.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabash plaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

COSTS

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on Saturday.

"The vaccine requires only one dose and is safe and effective at preventing hospitalizations and deaths in clinical trials involving nearly 44,000 participants from all races and ethnicities," stated the ISDH.

The ISDH has also begun planning for a future mass vaccination clinic in Gary in collaboration with local health officials. Additional mass vaccination sites in other locations will be planned as more vaccine becomes available.

All clinics will require advance registration through https://ourshot.in.gov or by calling 211. Proof of age and residency will be required. The mass vaccination clinics are listed as sites that eligible Hoosiers can select when making an appointment. No walk-ups will be permitted.

Indiana's Area Agencies on Aging, AARP and nearly 70 libraries around the state also can help Hoosiers schedule their appointments.

The clinic schedules are as follows:

- 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, March 5 to Sunday, March 7 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, 4790 W. 16th St., Indianapolis. Enter through the main gate off 16th Street. Participants will remain in their cars for their vaccines. ■ 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday,
- March 12 and Saturday, March 13 at Ivy Tech Community College, 8204 County Road 311, Sellersburg. Participants will remain in their cars for their vaccines. ■ 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday,
- March 26 and Saturday, March 27 at the University of Notre Dame, Compton Family Ice Arena, 100 Compton Family Ice Arena, Notre Dame.

Additional dates may be added to each of the above sites depending on demand and vaccine availability.

Long-term care facilities

The ISDH's long-term care facilities dashboard is cur-

rent as of Wednesday, Feb. 289 have not reported. 17 and was updated Wednesday, Feb. 24. The dashboard White's Jr./Sr. High School is updated weekly at noon has reported to the ISDH that Wednesdays. New positive they have no cases. cases and deaths have occurred over a range of dates but were reported to the ISDH seven days before the last dashboard update.

During the latest update, in

- Wabash County: ■ Timbercrest Senior Living Community in North Manchester reported 10 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 50 staff positive cases.
- Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester reported fewer than five new resident death, 54 total resident positive cases, 14 total resident deaths and 125 staff positive cases.
- Wellbrooke of Wabash reported fewer than five new resident positive cases, 34 total resident positive cases, 12 total resident deaths and 33 staff positive cases.
- Autumn Ridge Rehabilitation Centre reported 19 total positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 15 staff positive cases.
- Vernon Health and Rehabilitation reported 36 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 27 staff positive cases.
- Rolling Meadows Health Care Centre in LaFontaine reported 56 total resident positive cases, 16 total resident deaths and 15 staff positive cases.
- Miller's Merry Manor Wabash East reported 51 total resident positive cases, nine total resident deaths and 32 staff positive cases. ■ Miller's Merry Manor –
- Wabash West reported fewer than five total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 14 staff positive cases.

School figures

The ISDH's school dashboard was updated Monday, Feb. 29 with data as of 11:59 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26. The dashboard is updated weekly at noon Mondays.

Statewide, 155 schools reported no cases, 1,924 reported one or more cases and School reported fewer than reported three new local pos-

In Wabash County, only During the latest update,

Wabash County schools with one or more confirmed cases included: ■ Manchester Jr./Sr. High School (MHS) reported fewer than five new student pos-

- itive cases, 53 total student positive cases, 11 total teacher positive cases and nine total staff positive cases. ■ Manchester Elementary School (MES) reported six total student positive cases,
- positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases. ■ Manchester Intermediate School (MIS) reported eight total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than

fewer than five total teacher

- five total staff positive cases. ■ Metro North Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.
- Heartland Career Center reported fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Sharp Creek Elementa-

- ry School reported six total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases. ■ Northfield Jr./Sr. High
- School (NHS) reported 39 total student positive cases, six total teacher positive cases and eight total staff positive cases. O.J. Neighbours Ele-
- mentary School reported 11 total student positive cases, 10 total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases. ■ Wabash Middle School reported 12 total student pos-
- itive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases. ■ Wabash High School re-
- ported 15 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.
- St. Bernard Elementary

five each total student positive cases and total teacher positive cases.

- Southwood Jr./Sr. High The local seven-day positiv-School (SHS) reported 16 ity rating for all tests was 2.8 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.
- Southwood Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.

Schools of higher learning are not listed on the ISDH schools dashboard. However, Manchester University maintains its own, separate dashboard. On-campus COVID-19 testing began again the week of Jan. 4. Updates to this dashboard will be made each Friday to reflect the current week of testing and the semester to date. As of Friday, Feb. 26, a total of 592 tests were performed the previous week, with 99.8 percent being negative, and .2 percent of them being positive. There have been 2,805 total tests performed this semester, with 99.8 percent of them being negative, and .2 percent of them being positive. During that week, there was two self-reported cases on the North Manchester campus, and no self-reported cases on the Fort Wayne campus. This semester, there have been nine self-reported cases on the North Manchester campus, and four self-reported cases on the Fort Wayne campus.

Local figures ■ On Saturday, the ISDH reported four new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 3,308, with 14,110 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 2.8 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 10.7 percent. "A historical load of negative and positive labs resulted in the addition of 96 historical tested individuals, 2,756 historical tests administered and 18 historical cases to today's counts," stated the ISDH.

itive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 3,311, with 14,153 tests. percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 9.6 percent. ■ On Monday, the ISDH reported three new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 3,314, with 14,145 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 2.9

positivity rating for unique individuals was 11.2 percent. ■ On Tuesday, the ISDH reported four new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 3,318, with 14,163 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 3 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 10.2 percent.

percent. The local seven-day

Statewide figures

On Tuesday, the ISDH announced 582 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 662,750 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's dashboard.

A total of 12,192 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 31 from the previous day. Another 431 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record.

To date, 3,123,029 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 3,120,195on Monday. A total of 8,056,112 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the ISDH since Feb. 26, 2020. To find testing sites around

the state, visit www.corona virus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Deal-

er editor, may be reached by email ■ On Sunday, the ISDH at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.

Watson takes over reins of Manchester tennis programs

On campus, he serves as an asst. professor of chemistry

By DILLON BENDER

Dr. Kyle Watson took over as the head men's and women's tennis coach at Manchester University in January. Waston spent the 2020 Fall semester as the volunteer assistant men's and women's tennis coach.

On campus, Dr. Watson serves as an assistant professor of chemistry. Waston graduated from Manchester in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. While as an undergrad at Manchester, Watson earned four varsity letters in tennis. He completed his Ph.D. in organic and medicinal chemistry from

Notre Dame in 2015. The Manchester University University.



Dr. Kyle Watson took over as the head men's and women's tennis coach at Manchester University

tennis programs will look to resume play this school year in March.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director at Manchester

Manchester men's tennis tops Olivet 6-3

Sunday's win was the first win for head coach Kyle Watson

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University men's tennis team earned a 6-3 victory over the Olivet College Comets in Michigan on Sunday, Feb. 28.

Sunday's win was the first win for head coach Kyle Wat-

MU earned a pair of doubles victories against the Comets. Austin Arnold and Andrew Kibler paired up for an 8-3 triumph at the no. 2 slot. Connor Glenn and Trevor Johnson won 8-3 at no. 3 doubles.

In singles play, reigning ic Conference Men's Tennis chester University.

Player of the Week Isaac Miller, from Millersburg and Fairfield High School, cruised to a 6-3, 6-0 victory at the no. 1

Andrew Kibler, from Cape Coral, Florida and Mariner High School, added a 6-4, 6-1 victory at no. 3 singles. Austin Arnold, from Coatesville and South Putnam High School, earned a 6-2, 6-2 victory at no. 4 singles.

Connor Glenn, from Middlebury and Northridge High School, rounded out the scoring for Manchester with a 6-0, 6-0 victory at no. 6 singles.

Manchester (2-3) will take on Adrian College on Saturday, March 13. Olivet (3-3) will take on Albion on Friday, March 5.

Heartland Collegiate Athlet- information director for Man-

MU swimming wraps up a road trip to Franklin

HCAC championships scheduled to take place in Terre Haute from March 5 through 7

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University swimming teams returned to the pool on Saturday afternoon at Franklin College. The Black and Gold competed in the Franklin quadrangular meet on Saturday, Feb.

Freshman Spencer Harrison, from Tipton, highlighted Saturday afternoon's per-

formances with a third-place finish in the 1650-yard freestyle with a time of 19:49.39.

Manchester will now set its sights on competing in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) championships that are scheduled to take place in Terre Haute from March 5 through 7.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Two Manchester volleyball players garner honorable mention All-HCAC honors

Junior middle hitter Campbell, sophomore right side Planck recognized

By DILLON BENDER

The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) announced its Spring 2021 All-Conference Volleyball teams and award winners on Monday, March 1.

Two Spartans were recognized in this year's awards listing. Junior middle hitter Samantha Campbell, from Brownsburg, and sophomore right side Halle Planck, from Gas City and Mississinewa High School, were both Honorable Mention All-Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference honorees.

Campbell ended her junior season with 130 kills and 49 total blocks. Her 49 blocks ranked third in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference this year. Campbell also tallied 170.5 points this season, good enough for 10th in the HCAC. Campbell led Manchester with a .201 hitting percentage. Planck also earned Hon-

orable Mention All-HCAC honors on Monday. Battling through an injury towards the end of her sophomore campaign, Halle ended the season with 119 kills and 2.29 kills per set average. Planck added a .165 hitting percentage this year, ranking her second on

the Manchester roster. Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Manchester volleyball concludes 2020-21 season

The visiting Ravens took both matches of the doubleheader

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester Universi- 17, 25-21, 25-18) ty volleyball team wrapped against Anderson University on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 23 in Stauffer-Wolfe Arena.

Despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19

versity was able to play 23 of the evening, Manches- percentage, 49 total blocks matches this year.

The visiting Ravens took both matches of the double-

feated Manchester 3-0 (25-■ Match 2: Anderson de-

up its 2020-21 season feated Manchester 3-1 (25-11, 23-25, 25-22, 25-20) Anderson took the first match of the night in straight sets 25-17, 25-21 and 25-18.

ter pieced together a rally to even the match at 1-set apiece. The Black and Gold final tally of 25-23.

The Ravens rebounded,

Brownsburg, totaled 19 kills on the night. She added a pair of solo blocks. Camp-After dropping the open- bell ended her junior cam-

pandemic, Manchester Uni- ing set in the second match paign with a .201 hitting (16 solo, 33 assists), and 130 total kills.

Helaina Walters, from overcame a 4-point deficit Marion and Eastbrook High ■ Match 1: Anderson de- to take the second set by a School, added 15 kills and 23 digs.

Senior Mackenzie Rooks, taking the third and fourth from Columbus and Cosets by scores of 25-22 and lumbus North High School, ended her Manchester ca-Samantha Campbell, from reer with 20 digs on the

> Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Manchester and HCAC announces an update for outdoor spectator policy

Attendees must maintain a distance of at least 10 feet from any participants at all times are to be determined.

By DILLON BENDER

Heartland Colle-(HCAC) announced an update to its outdoor spectator policy on Friday, Feb. 26.

The HCAC Council of Presidents agreed that, for all outdoor sports, each HCAC campus will create its policy regarding spectator attendance by NCAA Recommendations, local health guidelines, and campus policy. Spectators will not be permitted on the playing surface at any time on game days and must maintain a from any participants at all tance.

At Manchester University, the impact of the new policy will allow the following fan structure at on-campus home

HCAC Tournament -Men's and women's basketball games hosted at Manchester

- The general public is not
- Two persons per Man-University dent-athlete will be admit-

ted. Guests will be contacted directly.

■ Masks and facial covgiate Athletic Conference erings must be worn at all times while on the Manchester University campus.

> ■ Fans must maintain a so- chester cial distance of at least 6 feet.

Football (also includes **MU** cheerleaders)

- be permitted.
- Four persons per Manchester University dent-athlete (and MU coaching staff) will be admitted.
- distance of at least 10 feet directly to sign up for admit-
 - University students will be ■ Students will be contact-
 - ed directly to sign up for admittance. ■ Students will sit in the
 - far bleachers, opposite the press box ■ Cheerleaders will be sit-
 - uated on the press box side chester of Spartan Stadium. ■ Masks and facial cov-
 - times while on the Manchester University campus.
 - Fans must maintain a so- dance will be permitted.

cial distance of at least 6 feet.

Men's and

women's soccer

- Opposing fans will not be permitted. ■ Four persons per Man-
- University dent-athlete will be admitted. chester University ■ Guests will be contacted dent-athlete will be admitted.

directly to sign up for admit-

- tance. ■ Up to 100 Manchester tance. ■ Opposing fans will not University students will be
 - admitted. ■ Students will be contactstu- ed directly to sign up for ad-
- mittance. ■ Students will sit in the ■ Guests will be contacted far bleachers, opposite the press box.
- Masks and facial cov-■ Up to 100 Manchester erings must be worn at all times while on the Manchester University campus.
 - Fans must maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet.

Baseball and softball

- be permitted. ■ Four persons per Man-University
- dent-athlete will be admitted. ■ Guests will be contacted erings must be worn at all directly to sign up for admittance.
 - Limited student atten-

- Masks and facial cov-■ Pep and marching band erings must be worn at all times while on the Manchester University campus.
 - Fans must maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet.

Outdoor track

- Opposing fans will not be permitted.
- Four persons per Man-
- Guests will be contacted directly to sign up for admit-
- Limited student attendance will be permitted.
- Masks and facial coverings must be worn at all times while on the Manchester University campus.
- Fans must maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet.

Men's and women's tennis

- Opposing fans will not be permitted.
- Masks and facial coverings must be worn at all ■ Opposing fans will not times while on the Manchester University campus.
 - Fans must maintain a social distance of at least 6

■ Fans are highly encouraged to bring their seating.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester

Cubs' Pederson is ready to seize his opportunity

By MEGHAN MONTEMURRO

Chicago Tribune (TNS)

The new Chicago Cubs outfielder turned down multiyear offers elsewhere for a one-

Joc Pederson is betting on

year deal in Chicago because the organization offered the main thing he coveted. Pederson wanted an opportunity to play every day, and he will get a chance to show he's more than a platoon option as the Cubs' starting left fielder. Pederson, entering his

eighth big league season, knows it is on him to deliver. Manager David Ross isn't going to keep running him out there if Pederson doesn't come through against lefthanders. Ross brought that up during a phone conversation with Pederson before the 28-year-old signed with the team Feb. 5.

"Hey, I'm going to pencil you in there every day, and if we come to July and you're not cutting it and you're hitting .150 against lefties – we're still here to win ballgames," Pederson recalled Ross telling him. "I said, 'Absolutely.' Like, I'm not looking for anything guaranteed. I just want to have a real opportunity. Basically that's what he said, 'We're going to give you that,' and I think that was a huge.

"I trusted him and I think he's trusting me, and it's going to be a lot of fun."

Pederson didn't get many extended looks from the Los Angeles Dodgers to prove that as a left-handed hitter he hit .230 with 130 home runs wouldn't be a liability against and 303 RBIs with a .336 on- happening."



Armando L. Sanchez / Chicago Tribune Anthony Rizzo talks with Joc Pederson, right, during batting practice at Cubs spring training at Sloan Park in Mesa, Ariz., on Feb. 25.

Cubs hitting coach Anthony

Iapoce has enjoyed getting to

know Pederson and watch-

ing him work in camp. Ia-

poce said Pederson has been

proactive in his cage work,

including how to attack left-

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lefties. He started 23 games base percentage, .806 OPS versus left-handers during his first full season in 2015; over the next five years, he had only 28 total starts. The Dodgers' organizational depth allowed them to build a consistent winner and a threatening lineup. At times, that meant players had to put the team ahead of themselves. For Pederson, it resulted in a platoon role.

"I don't think I am respected as an everyday player, (it's) why a lot of teams didn't want to pursue me as that," Pederson said Friday. "So I'm excited for this opportunity, and it's fun to come to field

In six-plus seasons overall

"You can see that he wants it," Iapoce said this week. every day knowing that I'm an everyday job. But just the could say I've got to prove getting another shot."

"It's no different from what anybody else is doing in the major leagues to try and get competitive awareness, the spirit that he brings, I think with the Dodgers, Pederson those are the things where you're like, OK, I can see this

With Pederson as the lone external addition to the Cubs starting lineup, Ross' job becomes a little easier if Pederson shows improvement and doesn't need to be benched every time an opposing team starters a left-hander. Ross could look to pinch hit for Pederson when a lefty comes in from the bullpen, especially against a power arm like work itself that has stood out the Milwaukee Brewers' Josh Hader. It will be up to Pederson to force Ross to keep him the lineup.

"I know what type of player I am," Pederson said. "Justgetting opportunities is going to be good. I guess you some stuff to them. But I'm going to have to prove it for anybody but myself. Like, I know what I can do and I'm not going to add pressure."